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ANSWER to Mr. D'Anvers's VINDICATION
of SPAIN, in the Craftsman of Saturday last.



T must yield no small Pleasure to the true Friends of our Protestant Constitution and Government, to observe, that the Advocates for Confusion, after having long practised every Art of Deceit, are yet destitute of Skill sufficient to conceal the real Motives of their Clamour from those

whose good Opinion alone they depend for the encouragement they so often claim, and for the Examination of those Gentlemen who have most eminently distinguished themselves in the Patronage and Support of whatever has been lately attempted against the Peace and Tranquillity of these Realms.

No Period has afforded a more notorious Instance than the present: After the Malecontent Writers have cry'd aloud for War more than Fourteen years, and used every thing that had the smallest resemblance of an Argument against the Peace we have long enjoy'd, spite of their most violent Efforts against it; after condemning all pacifick Measures without Distinction, and recommending War as the only Means of restoring the Nation to its former Reputation abroad, and to heal our intestine Divisions; they have, on a sudden, ceased their Alarm; and, when their Readers most expected, and most desired, Variations, Essays, and Remarks upon the Expediency of a War, the Subject was drop'd; and, instead of this in the present Exigence of Affairs, Directions for the Disposition of our Fleet and Army, and Schemes for their respective Operations, Mr. D'Anvers has been repeating what he said ten Years ago, and his own Colleague, after guarding the Church of England against the Dangers of Methodism, if not of Popery, at this Crisis of Publick Affairs, been entreating his Readers with the seasonable Subject of Female Education!

The Cause of this is easily accounted for; and it has had the good Effect of convincing the Few who were before inclinable to believe them in earnest, that their loud Pretences to Publick Virtue, and a Love of their Country, were no more than they had been declared to be by the Writers who have opposed them, viz. the Effects of a Resolution, at all Events, upon the Measures of the Government, and thereby render odious to the People those Gentlemen whose knowledge of their real Merit leaves them no Room for any Share in the Administration.

At length, however, Mr. D'Anvers has refus'd his former Office; and, in his Paper of Saturday last, states, that, tho' in Time of Peace, he constantly, once a Week, bear To Arms; yet Now the Prospect of War advances, it is a melancholy Consideration in present Circumstances; — tho' these Circumstances have hitherto described by this Writer, and his Thren, to be such as nothing but a War could excuse us from. — And to induce Spain to treat us well to vindicate ourselves against any Insults or Intrigues that have been, or may hereafter be offered by this Patriot Politician, this long-boasted Friend to us, very wisely endeavours to prove our national weakness from the Taxes, Luxury, Bankruptcies, Injustice, and private Difficulties, which he would have us to abounding among us; and to enforce the intended Misery of our Condition yet more, and make us appear as destitute of foreign Aid as of domestic Strength, he says the Balance of Power in Europe is, and that it is almost impossible for us to recover the time that enabled us to carry on the last War; and we have done so little for the Emperor, and so much for France, that — we are capable of doing nothing for ourselves! — This is the Wisdom, these the Sins, of a Party, that would be thought to design the Honour and Interest of Great Britain! These the Gentlemen who will be the first to enlarge upon the various Inconveniences consequent upon a Discovery of our supposed Weakness to neighbouring Powers —

happily for Britain, her Enemies are as false in their Representation of her State to other Nations as they are false to their own: And every Lover of his Country must have a Pleasure to see our Strength and Abilities for War so far superior to what our Enemies

are willing to have foreign Nations know; lest every Court in Europe should see how greatly those are deceived who, from their State of our Publick Affairs, concluded the Nation to be as much divided, as the Force of their Wishes have prevail'd with them to represent it. — He who dare be a Foe to his own Country, seldom proves a Friend to the rest of Mankind; and, whatever Credit Foreign Powers may have given to the impotent Clamours of a few Men whom the Lenity of the Government has suffer'd to spread their Sedition with impunity; they will find, that tho' from the Politicks of other Nations the arraigning a Constitution in the Face of the Government, and speaking of Destruction as on the Verge of a People's Liberties, would be the certain Marks of a Faction's being in a Condition of effecting their utmost Designs; yet such is the Reliance the Administration have had in the good Tendency of their Conduct, that, contrary to the Practice of foreign Countries, and of their Predecessors in our own, they have suffer'd the most envenom'd Shafts of private Malice and wild Ambition to fly without Obstruction; and as the People enjoy'd the Liberty of calm Reflection, to the publick Judgment of their Country have submitted their Conduct for the Approbation they were conscious of deserving, without Apprehension of Danger from the closest Scrutiny into such of their Actions as have been most misrepresented by the Enemies of the Prosperity of Great Britain, and of the Protestant Succession: — By this Behaviour, the People, having been driven upon every Means of being satisfied of the Uprightness of our Publick Councils, are now more united in their Sentiments than has been known for many Ages; and, as one general Voice is heard thro' the Land to approve the present Measures, our old domestic Enemies have the Mortification of seeing their Judgment avowed by none but our Enemies abroad, who are their only natural Allies: — Such a Conjunction is no way surprising, as it has been long foreseen; but let Spain, and our Spanish Englishmen, unite so closely, the Force opposed to the former will be sure equally to affect the latter: Whence it is not at all strange, that Mr. D'Anvers, and the rest of the Malecontent Writers, should complain of the Expence of maintaining a naval and military Force, since our Success must tend to the utter Destruction of their Expectations.

The next Thing Mr. D'Anvers takes in hand, is the inexhaustible Subject of the Convention with Spain, and the Spanish Manifesto; the latter of which, by a very peculiar Method of arguing, he calls the natural Consequence of the former! —

In order to confute the Assertion, that the Convention tended so much to the Honour and Advantage of Great Britain, that Spain would not put it in Execution; Mr. D'Anvers, with amazing Sagacity, assures us, That the Language of the Manifesto charges the Non-Execution upon us — Very possible; and so does Mr. D'Anvers: And to shew his exact Agreement with the Spanish Arguments, he repeats from the Manifesto, what he has said Ten Times before, viz. That the so often exploded Protest of Spain ONLY, was the Foundation and Basis of a Treaty mutually sign'd afterwards by GREAT BRITAIN AND SPAIN; which, spite of Mr. D'Anvers, every Man must see has actually no more to do with the Convention than the Grand Alliance.

In the next Place, he is pleased to assert, that what he calls the Country Party have been always uniform in their Writings and Speeches upon the Subject of our Transactions with Spain. — How far their Consistency with themselves will bear Vindication, has, in some Degree, been shewn above.

The Ministry, inde-d, have preserv'd a Uniformity of Action, which no impartial Man will deny: They have try'd every honourable Means to preserve Peace, from a Tenderness to the Lives and Interests of the People; and if, by the Intrigues of our Enemies, Hostilities or Ruin become unavoidable, the same Affection for the People which strove to avoid a Rupture, will call for such a War as is necessary to protect our Rights and Privileges from the Injuries and Insults of our Foreign and Domestic Enemies: — In such a Situation, should War be chosen, it will not be a sticking about (as Mr. D'Anvers elegantly phrases it) but a steady, uniform Pursuit of one End, THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE. — But if Men who for many

Years have called for such a War, should, on its Approach, declare against it, that would, indeed, be such a sticking about as would require an abler Genius than Mr. D'Anvers to reconcile with Common Sense or Common Honesty.

That he may not altogether forget himself in his serving the Publick, Mr. D'Anvers employs his next Paragraph in puffing his Pamphlet called An Address, &c. which, he assures his Readers was written with such a Spirit of Prophecy as to answer the Manifesto before it came out.

As this Writer long ago lost all Sense of Shame, I could not help Blushing for him, where he labours to prove, that tho' in the Translation of the Manifesto the Clamours of the People is omitted, yet in the French it stands as a Reason for our Ministry not being able to execute the Convention — If the Spanish Court's having a wrong Idea of the Nature of an English News-Paper, has made them conclude those the Sentiments of the People which our Enemies call so; if he had any Regard for his Country, he would be deeply concern'd to see the Labours of his Party urge by Foreigners, to vindicate their Insults and Depredations upon his own Countrymen — What Affinity such a Writer bears to the Character of a True Briton, let the Reader judge.

His Insinuations in Prejudice of a Publick Minister abroad; his Direction for having him examin'd when he comes home; and his assigning the Arguments used by Spain to the Writers who have been the true Friends to our Merchants and Stamen, &c. I pass over as too absurd, too stale, and too trifling, to bear Remarks from any Writer who intends to be read: — And tho' Mr. D'Anvers concludes with telling his Readers, that as (contrary to his Hopes) such an Alteration of Measures appears, as lays him under great Difficulty what to find Fault with; and that, notwithstanding what he may have formerly said for it, such an Alteration ought to be prob'd to the Bottom before it is approved; — his Labour will produce little Effect with the People, while it is notorious, that the SAME SPIRIT and CONTEMPT OF GREAT BRITAIN breathes thro' his Writings and the MANIFESTO OF SPAIN.

A. G. SIDNEY.

Warsaw, Aug. 31. O. S.

WE had Letters Yesterday from Podolia, which confirm that Count Munich has taken Chocim; but if what they say relating to the Position of the Russian Army be true, 'tis probable that it will not attempt to penetrate into Walachia this Campaign. We are assured that the Count de Munich is authoriz'd to treat of a Peace, if he can obtain it upon advantageous Terms; but they add, that the Court of Russia, rather than consent to restore Alop to the Grand Seignior, will cause that Place to be demolish'd, and its Fortifications blown up, as they did at Oczakow.

Vienna, Sept. 1. O. S. Three Days ago a Journal was publish'd here from the Imperial Army, wherein it was represented, That Belgrade was in a very bad Condition, and reduc'd to such Distress that it was to be fear'd it could not hold out much longer: At the same Time a Letter appear'd from the Com-dant, wherein he says, that the Turks could not be Masters of that Fortress for a long time. But we were soon inform'd of the Fate of that Town; for in the Evening it was publish'd, that it was to be yielded to the Turks, after being demolish'd, according to Preliminaries that were settled on the 20th of last Month, between the Count de Neuperg and the Grand Vizier, under the Mediation of France.

HOME PORTS.

Dublin, Sept. 7. On the 2d Arrived the Industry, Lambert, from Antigua; the Two Friends, Perseus, from Rochfort; the Ellen, Moor, from Oporto: On the 3d, the Prince William, Christian, from Santa Cruz in Barbary; the Katherine, Shaw, from Oporto: On the 6th, the Ormond's Success, Martin, from Liverpool for the West Indies. On the 2d Sailed the St. Katherine, Fergus, for Gibraltar.

Dart, Sept. 17. Wind E. by S. Remain his Majesty's Ships the Argyle, Terrible, and Alderney.

Gracefield, 7/8/85



